

Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators (47-2071)

Occupation description: Operate equipment used for applying concrete, asphalt, or other materials to road beds, parking lots, or airport runways and taxiways, or equipment used for tamping gravel, dirt, or other materials. Includes concrete and asphalt paving machine operators, form tampers, tamping machine operators, and stone spreader operators.

Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	108	119	10.2	1	2	3
United States	51,600	63,000	22.1	1,140	1,060	2,200

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is moderate with low employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	20.06	n/a	11.79	18.16	32.08
Balance of State	25.34	27.50	29.66	19.40	25.09	41.94

Labor Force Indicators

2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
131	28	21.4	31.9	22.1

2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	51
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	21
UI claimants previously working in occupation	47

2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	383
Number of job position postings	6
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	63.8

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: High school diploma or equivalent

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: Moderate-term on-the-job training

Training Resources

Degree	
Alaska Operating Engineers/Employers Training Trust	
Heavy Equipment Operator	
Degree	
Alaska's Institute of Technology (AVTEC)	
Diesel/Heavy Equipment Technology	Certificate
Degree	
Delta Mine Training Center	
Surface Mining	
Degree	
Ilisagvik College	
Construction/Heavy Equipment Operations	Certificate
Degree	
Northern Industrial Training	
Heavy Equipment Training - 4 Week, Palmer	Certificate
Heavy Equipment Training - 6 Week, Palmer	Cer/CDL
Heavy Equipment Training - 8 Week, Palmer	CDL
Degree	
Southwest Alaska Vocational and Education Center	
Heavy Equipment Operator Training	Certificate